

Remarks

Claims 2-6, 11-13, and 15-16 stand objected to. Claims 1, 7-8, 10, 14, 15, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Reconsideration of the outstanding objections and rejections is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing remarks.

The Objection to Claim 15 has been Accommodated

Claim 15 stands objected to for including an additional period. Applicants have amended the claim and have removed the period. Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 7-8, 10, 14-15, and 17-19 are Definite

Claims 1, 7-8, 10, 14-15, and 17-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

At the outset, Applicants note that claim 15 was not addressed in the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, but rather stands objected to. Applicants believe that the inclusion of claim 15 in the rejections under § 112 was inadvertent and therefore the rejection of claim 15 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 11, 14, 17, and 19 have been amended to include proper antecedent basis for the claimed features. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 6; claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 6; claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 9; and claim 18 has been amended to depend from claim 17.

Therefore the rejection of claims 1, 7-8, 10, 14, and 17-19 has been overcome. Therefore, the rejection should be withdrawn. Applicants further request that the rejection of claim 15 be withdrawn as claim 15 complies with § 112.

Claims 2-6, 11-13, and 16 are Allowable

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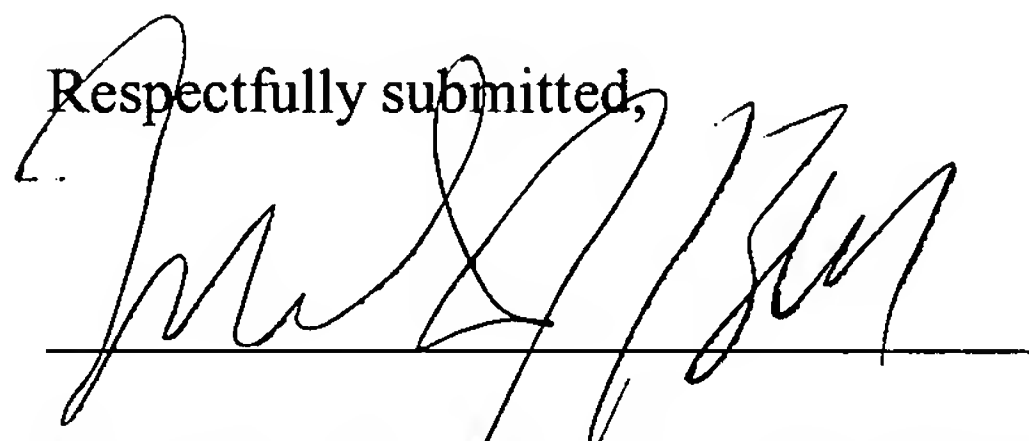
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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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